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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Government provide such free facilities to voluntary workers in all parts of the State to teach Hindi to the students? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not follow the hon. Member's question. Here, it is with reference to the staff of the Government institutions, and I do not think we can give permission to the staff of Government institutions to take up other work which is likely to interfere with their regular work."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" In addition to being free is teaching of Hindi compulsory also in Pudukottai State? " 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That does not at all arise here."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The word 'free' contradicts the other word 'compulsory'."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" I will re-cast my question. Is teaching of Hindi in Pudukottai State compulsory? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. That question does not at all arise. Here is the case where permission was sought for by a member of the staff in the Government institution as he wanted to conduct some Hindi classes outside the college or school hours. The Durbar granted it and we are continuing it. That is all."

Special Industrial Tribunal for Plantations.

* 1930 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the interim award of the Special Industrial Tribunal for Plantations regarding wages of the plantation workers has not been implemented by the planters in Shevaroy Hills, Salem district; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take for enforcing the implementation of the award in full?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Hospitals closed in 1954.

* 1931 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any hospitals were closed in 1954 for want of doctors?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

Sub-Treasury staff at Chowghat.

* 1932 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to increase the staff at Sub-Treasury, Chowghat?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes. The Government have sanctioned the employment of an additional shroff in the Sub-Treasury, Chowghat, for a period of six months from the date of appointment to cope with the heavy work in the sub-treasury."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" The additional shroff appointed is permanently required there. I do not know why Government came to the conclusion that it should be there only for a period of six months."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" If need be, the term can be extended. It is a simple proposition."

Revenue from public ferries in Malabar.

* 1933 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total revenue derived from public ferries in Malabar; and

(*b*) whether any portion of it is diverted for providing " Ferry stands " or other conveniences for passengers?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The total revenue derived from public ferries in Malabar for the year 1953–54 was Rs. 3,03,982.

" (*b*) An expenditure of Rs. 37,550 was incurred in 1953–54 towards provision of conveniences to passengers at the ferries. No portion of the revenue is diverted for provision of ferry stands."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the large income that the Government are deriving from the ferries, will the Government see that some more conveniences such as erection of ferry stands and putting up of seats are provided for the passengers? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" As the hon. Member himself has pointed out, in view of the large income we get, I shall have it examined and see whether we could do anything in that direction."

Alleged non-payment of taxes for plying buses.

* 1934 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any bus operator was found plying his buses without paying taxes for four quarters, during this year in the district of Salem;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the concerned Registration Certificates contained forged entries; and

(*c*) the action taken against the operator?